

Oneida County Land & Water Resource Management Plan 2020-2029

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee

June 24, 2019

Minutes

Committee members present: Chairman, Bob Mott, Alan VanRaalte, Jim Winkler, and Rob Jensen. Kim Simac excused. Mitch Ives status unknown.

Others present: Michele Sadauskas, Karl Jennrich, Fred Heider, Dave Noel, and Merry Lehner.

Call to order: Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted and the facility handicapped accessible.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Jensen/Van Raalte to approve today's agenda with the order of the items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

2020-2029 Oneida County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRM):

- a. Post Public Hearing Final Revisions: Sadauskas and Heider updated material for the LWRM plan related from comments received from the Public Hearing held on June 5, 2019. A handout distributed to the Committee called Metallic Mining notes were added to LWRM plan under Special Resource Concerns, Metallic Mining, covered topics raised from the Public Hearing. It cited types of potential soil and water contamination. The Land Resources section addressed mineral resources in the County which cover mineral resources, sand and gravel. Under Regulations, Chapter 7 it is stated that the County relies on State regulations for protecting groundwater at metallic mining sites. A section was included on Enforcement of Metallic Mining Sites and regulatory exemptions. Additions of Goal 1-H protect and enhance wetlands and surface water quality and Goal 3- D, protect groundwater quality. The Committee asked that "Enforcement" under Regulations-Chapter 7 to be changed to "Oversee". In the first paragraph, the last sentence that starts out "With regard" will be replaced with the paragraph Mott distributed to the Committee. The paragraph from Mott will be included with the minutes and refers to the policy established by the County Board in August, 2012. A second handout, Impaired Waters notes to add to LWRM plan was distributed and discussed as well. It included a graph of watersheds where total maximum daily loads are listed with current reductions needed and recommended reductions needed.

Heider stated that DATCP was notified about Tribal inclusion in the ceded territory. There were eleven concerns listed in the letter received by the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe. The Committee discussed points from their letter. A map of designated waters was added to the plan. According to the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, DATCP, no archeological or cultural site, no sites are usually listed on these LWRM plans. Climate change was included in the plan. There are no landfills listed nor are they listed in other LWRM plans. Minimizing natural resources impact was addressed. The LWRM plans for Vilas County and Forest County do not have a listing of tribes on those land and water plans. The Committee asked about educating Conservation and UW Extension, CUW departments on inclusion and there were no comments; it can be addressed at future meetings.

Dave Noel stated that his comments were covered sufficiently. At some point, he said, someone in the county needs to be responsible for mining. Land and Water feels that acid mine drainage on water quality has been addressed well by the department. Any oversight should come from the DNR and not the County. The County Ordinance 9.61, written for county-owned land and residential owners, aligns with the DNR language. Only two towns in the County have local agreements. The mining company has to follow the ordinance for a proposed mine. These specifics are on the revisions. If a mine were proposed, Sadauskas would be a part of the conversation and she would address any concerns to Planning & Zoning. There are

protections in place. Noel asked, if at county level, if mining experts are being sought regarding mining? He suggested bringing in experts to look at a site before a permit is given.

- b. Adoption of the 2020-2029 LWRM Plan: Heider stated that the highlighted text about the public hearing comments and a copy of the full attachment F are added to the plan. One more inclusion, the Impaired Waters notes will be added. The DNR responded and provided this text. The highlighted paragraph will replace the former Wisconsin Total Maximum Daily Load, TMDL, guidelines. Both DATCP & DNR have reviewed the plan. The DNR impaired waters map is a new map that is color coded. Heider reviewed the new impaired lakes map by color. The State meeting for the August 6, 2019 hearing in Madison is on schedule. DATCP will approve the plan and it will then go back to the full County Board for approval with the additional and amended language.

Winkler/Jensen moved to approve the 2020-2929 Land and Water Management Plan with the highlighted additional and amended verbiage from the public meeting, DATCP, and DNR as suggested, pending the approval from DATCP pending no further changes, as presented. It will then pass on to the County Board for their review and approval. All ayes; motion carried.

Consent Agenda Items: (Land and Water Conservation)

Approve out-of-county travel requests for staff and/or Committee members. Jensen/Winkler made motion to approve the land and water consent agenda item.

DATCP Land and Water Conservation Board Meeting:

The location of the WI DATCP, Prairie Oak State Office Building, 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53708-8911.

Adjournment:

Mott adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merry Lehner, Recording Secretary

Bob Mott, Committee Chair